

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 124
By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. Norris Cranford for
laudable service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those
citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community
leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Norris Cranford, who was recently selected
as the "Pride of Obion County 2002"; and

WHEREAS, a former County Executive in Obion County for 14 years and a County
Commissioner for six years prior, Norris Cranford was recognized as the Pride of Obion County
2002, not for the accomplishments made while in public office, but for his selfless contributions
to his community over the years that have not been publicized; and

WHEREAS, as noted in an article in *The Union City Daily Messenger*, Mr. Cranford is a
"man not of wealth but of big heart." He has spent countless holidays giving hams, turkeys,
roasts, and other food to underprivileged families and has repeatedly helped the elderly, as well

as young people, with utility, grocery, and medical bills, often taking money out of his own pocket to help others in need; and

WHEREAS, an electrician by trade, he has wired, rewired, and repaired houses, sheds, shops, buildings, and lights for countless people, without accepting or expecting any type of compensation in return; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Mr. Cranford has taken or made arrangements for numerous people to have transportation to and from such places as doctors' offices, grocery stores, and churches; and

WHEREAS, a role model for the youth of Obion County and West Tennessee, Norris Cranford, through his encouragement and sincere but witty ways, has made a difference in the lives of numerous children -- always taking the time to listen, talk, and encourage the younger generation; and

WHEREAS, known for putting service above self and the interests of others above his own self-interests, Mr. Cranford epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Norris Cranford is most grateful for the love and companionship he has shared with his wife, Sharon, and daughter, Donna; and

WHEREAS, Norris Cranford recently completed serving Obion County as its County Executive for fourteen notable years during which much progress was made for Obion County and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Cranford for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Mr. Norris Cranford for his meritorious

service to Obion County and the State of Tennessee, congratulate him on being selected as the "Pride of Obion County 2002," and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.